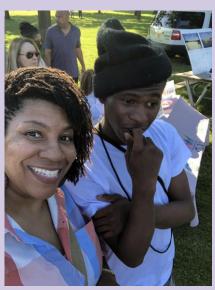
#### The Goal

The goal of Credible Messenger's transformative mentoring is to provide prevention and intervention with youth, keeping them from both entering the Youth Justice System or having deeper involvement with the Youth Justice System.



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# **Cream City Credible Messengers**

**Credible Messengers-**Mentoring is for youth in the **Youth Justice System and** youth in the community who may be at risk. This transformative process through which individuals from similar backgrounds, including men and women who themselves may have been justice-involved, engage youth in structured and intentional relationships and activities, provide a positive platform for youth engagement & community voice; and change agents for racial equity and policy on issues that plague the youth, families and community.



"The Credible Messenger movement is emerging based on a holistic, comprehensive approach to justice that transforms and improves individual lives, rearranges the relationship between communities and the justice system, and empowers neighborhoods to use the resources they have within to maintain public safety. Using this people-up perspective, the Credible Messenger approach seeks to build trust and inspire change from within communities so that the youth can feel positive about their possibilities rather than facing a future of frustration.

#### Partnering Agencies:

#### Milwaukee Christian Center-School Support

- School-Based Violence Free Zone
- Community Engagement

#### Westcare-Youth Leadership & Family Well-Being

- Youth leadership training
- Community resources (food & housing)
- Parent/child conflict
- Community engagement

#### Running Rebels-Mentoring High-Risk Youth

- Auto Theft
- Group-Based Violence
- School-Based Violence Free Zone
- Community Engagement

#### Youth Advocate Program-Transformative

- Youth dysregulation
- Parent/child conflict
- School & work support Community engagement



- Credible Messengers will respond to youth dysregulation, parent/child conflict, community violence involving referred youth, and other situations deemed critical to the well-being and safety of DYFS supervised youth.
- Referrals of youth not DYFS supervised may enter the program as well through Community referral usually made by law enforcement, social community programs, Mentors, or any Community based agency.
- The goal is to reduce recidivism and offer preventive education, along with positive youth engagement with a prosocial support system through a network of Mentors (Credible Messengers).
- The Milwaukee County DHHS DYFS
  helps youth involved in the youth
  justice system and promotes
  community safety, by providing a broad
  spectrum of programs and services for
  youth before, during and after
  involvement in the Justice system.

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